

Friday afternoon furnished about as bad a specimen of weather as even volatile March ever produces, but no weather is ever bad enough to keep a clever society woman at home if there is an interesting event on the tapis to call her out. It was quite a good-sized audience that greeted Mrs. John Sher-wood at Belcourt, the beautiful residence of Dr. and Mrs. William A. Hammond, to listen to a well-digested, thought-out, and wrought-out paper on "The Possibilities of the Ameri-can Salon." The audience was highly ap-preciative, not only of the lecture, but the beautiful interior "court" in which it was de-livered. Dr. and Mrs. Hammond received the company, and quite a little preliminary social took place in advance of the lecture. Miss Amy Hare opened the exercises with two or three choice piano recitals from the Norwegian Wedding Song, while Miss Harlan rendered a couple of vocal solos most acceptably in her rich contralto voice. Mrs. Sherwood was the most interesting forms are Sherwood was the most interesting figure present. She is a large woman, in her prime, with noble features and intellectual countenance, and of a very genial manner. She wore her dark hair in large puffs at the side of her face. Her gown of garnet satin was trimmed with rows of gold braid. With much grace she thanked her audience for coming out on such a terminder. for coming out on such a stormy day. She then began to read her essay in a well-modulated voice. Beginning with the history of the French salon at the time of Louis XIV and the Duke of Orleans, she described the women of that salon to be "women who discarded all the decencies of life." Mrs. Sherwood, with a fine sense of the fitness of things, found much to commend and more things to condemn in the French salon. She then gave a brief history of the and more things to condemn in the French salon. She then gave a brief history of the English salon as it was during Lady Mary Wortley Montague's time, which she described as "a unior of fashion with intellect." "We see there what society has done for genius and what genius has done for society." Mrs. Sherwood then gave a graphic description of the English salon as she had found it during five annual visits to London, where a reputation for intellectual supremacy unreputation for intellectual supremacy un-locked all doors. "In France it is a patent of nobility for a woman to have done something, and in England intellect is superior to rank—deep rooted as that is in the English character." Mrs. Sherwood said she thought that Washington, having established official grades of society, seemed to have the material for the political saion. New York was not a promising field. Mrs. John Jacob Astor tried it, and her failure was humorously detailed. Here it seemed different. There were people of political opinions, scientists, intellectual men, and progressive women. Our modern society is passing through a social revolution. We have ministers as tender and saintly as Fenelon, men of letters, and the most charming women in the world. The only thing needed is the hostess of culture, grace, and tact, who will sink self in bringing out the best in those she summons to her salon-one who will be genial to everything but vanity or stupidity. Society needs this elevating and refining influence. The salon is to social life what the orchid is in the flower world—the rarest, most unique flower of all-which it takes cultivation and refined taste to appreciate. Mrs. Sherwood said, in conclusion, that she had hopes of seeing Washington society yet dig-nified and elevated by a breadth of view emanating from some clever woman's introduction of the American salon. At the conclusion of the brilliant essay it was interesting to note its effect. A society lady present said: "Well, I tried getting the clever people, the politicians, the scientists, and the authors together, but I found the politicians too busy with affairs to take to the salon idea, the scientists looked down upon society from a great height with a half-tolerant derisiveness that was amusing, and my authors of both sexes knew much more of the ways of imaginary people than of this work-a-day world. So I wrote failure over my good intentions after one season's trial."
"I would help if I could," responded an elegant young woman thoroughly cultured by travel, "but Washington is given over to the married women, and we single women cannot carry out our ideas of society without a chaperone, Mrs. Grundy, at our elbows. "All the same, in due time a salon, or something that corresponds to it in intent, is bound to find a place in the social life of this city, fast becoming cosmopolitan, and hence open to all the influences of a higher civilization," said another attentive observer. Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. George B. Loring, the Misses Henry, Mrs. Cilley, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Ackley, Mrs. Audenreid, Mrs. L. DeF. Jennings, Mrs. Ffoulk, Mrs. Justice Harlan, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Babbitt, and others Mrs. Babbitt, and others.

On Thursday Mrs. Jerome C. Burnett, 1505 R street, gave a small but elegant Lenten lunch in honor of her sister, Mrs. Deloss Gould, of Terre Haute, Ind. The guests were all ladies who formerly resided in that State; Mrs. Parks, Mrs. M. G. Lee, the Misses Curry and Mrs. E. L. Sherwood, Mrs. Gould favored the company with several artistically rendered vocal solos.

Mrs. John Sherwood, of New York, is domiciled at the Arlington. During the first of the week she goes to Fortress Monroe for a brief rest. After a few days she will return to Washington and be the central figure at several dinners to be given in her honor immediately after Easter. Mrs. Dr. Hammond will give the initial one on April 2.

Miss Ada Sherwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Sherwood, was married on Wednesday, at the Calvary Baptist Church, 1320 Q street by Dr. Green to Mr. William H. Dickerson, of Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. Dickerson started immediately on a short bridal trip.

Miss Williams, who has been spending the past month with her uncle, Mr. Frank Hanvey, of 234 New Jersey avenue, returned to her home in Lynchburg, Va., the first of the

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Mr. Louis A. Rosafy, president of the Columbia Ideals, was tendered a complimentary reception at the new club-rooms of the Ideals on Monday, the 16th instant, the occasion being the celebration of his birthday. Messrs. B. S. Donaldson, P. J. Rollow, L. P. Streamer, and S. B. Ellis had charge of the arrangements, and deserve much credit for the pronounced success of the occasion. Dancing, which was the main feature of the evening, was brought to a temporary stop about 11 o'clock to allow the guests to partake of 11 o'clock to allow the guests to partake of the refreshments awaiting them. The happy party was brought to a close at 1 o'clock, and the guests departed all wishing Mr. Rosafy many more joyous birthdays. Among those present were Mrs. Pumphrey, Mrs. Burlinghame, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. McLaren, the Misses Emma Sheed, Eva Cummiski, Ella Norris, Maud M. Eppley, Lottie Mitchell, Clara Rosafy, Rose Bregazzi, Addie Larcombe, Jennie Doyle, Alice Edmonston, Alice Yates, Dessie Caine, Kate Rothe, Hattie Caine, Grace Durfee, Jessie Howard, Leo Lally, Crista Dessie Caine, Kate Rothe, Hattie Caine, Grace Durfee, Jessie Howard, Leo Lally, Crista Belle Craig, Mamie Glover, Joe Pumphrey, and Mary Lake, and Messrs. E. Jasper, F. Nye, E. Persons, W. K. Haynes, G. Lewis, F. McLaren, G. A. Hinch, E. Cummiski, A. G. Lutz, L. A. Rosafy, W. W. Sheed, S. B. Ellis, L. P. Streamer, C. Stotsenberg, A. W. Mills, W. F. Walter, E. Rosafy, P. J. Rollow, A. Crown, F. D. Fawcett, G. Colton, A. Edmonston, M. McQuade, B. S. Donaldson, C. J. Lally, W. Richmond, Gus Rothe, J. Cameron, and others. eron, and others.

The marriage of Miss Rena Maloney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Maloney, to Mr. H. D. Pettit, of Philadelphia, occurred on Wednesday morning, in Wesley Chapel. It was one of the most interesting events of the week. The ushers were Messrs. Maloney, Harry Duncanson, A. K. Cralle, and Alexander Proctor. The bride wore a stylish traveling costume of gray cloth with hat to match. Her become the stylish traveling costume of gray cloth with hat to match. Her bouquet was of La France roses. The marriage service was read by Rev. J. H. Dashiell, who performed the ceremony at the wedding of the bride's parents in Baltimore, thirty years ago. Mr. J. Fulton Richards rendered the Mendelssohn wedding march as the bridely sair approached the Mendelssohn wedding march as the bridal pair approached the chancel. Mr. and Mrs. Pettit left on the 11 o'clock train for Philadelphia, where they will reside. The bride was the recipient of numerous and costly

Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Brewer are the only ladies of the Court circle who are now at home to callers on Mondays. Mrs. Fuller has been away from Washington so frequently during the season that it was a great novelty as well as a pleasure to her friends to know that her house was again open to callers. Mrs. and Miss Brewer received a throng of visitors at their pretty home, 1404 Massachusetts avenue. The Misses Clark, of Boston, who are guests of Miss Brewer, were presented to the numer-

Among other Bostonians spending a portion of the winter in this city is Mrs. Potter, mother of Mr. Asa P. Potter, president of the Mayerick National Bank, of Boston. She is accompanied by Miss Bailey, and both ladies enthusiastically protest that there is no city in Europe equal to Washington as a place of

Captain and Mrs. Rutherford have issued cards for the marriage of their daughter, Bessie, to Mr. Richard Albert Whittingham Thursday, at noon, in the Church of the Epiphany. There will be a reception afterward at their residence, No. 1811 Nineteenth

Mrs. Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin, is still at her residence on Capitol Hill, being detained here by the convalescence of her little daughter, Miss Fola, who is still too weak to make the journey homeward. Mr. La Fol-lette left for the West early in the week.

Senator, Mrs., and Miss Washburn will spend the summer in European travel. When they return to Washington they will occupy Senator Edmunds's house on Massachusetts avenue, above Twenty-first street.

Mrs. George Alfred Townsend is still the guest of Mrs. Judge Bentley at 1116 Ninth street. Mrs. Townsend will be pleased to see her friends on Wednesday, Mrs. Bentley's day

Miss Florence Bayard, who has been nearly all winter with Mrs. Hearst, has gone to Boston to visit her sister, Mrs. Warren, who is well remembered here as Miss Mabel Bayard. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Whittemore have issued cards for a reception Monday evening, March 30, at 10 o'clock, in honor of the Yale

Glee and Banjo clubs. Mr. and Mrs. Stilson Hutchins have vacated their house on Massachusetts avenue and it has been rented by Mr. and Mrs. Newlands.

Mrs. William D. Owens's condition is still regarded as critical, and no one is permitted to see her but her regular attendants.

The Misses Cameron, daughters of Sir Roderick Cameron, were in town last week visiting Mrs. Street at the Shoreham.

Mrs. Mann, née Ray, widow of Lieut. J. D. Mann, is in the city, residing at 2102 Ward

The marriage of Mr. John B. Larner to Miss Anna E. Parker will take place early in April. Mrs. Charles Dulin and her mother, Mrs. Brown, continue their Tuesday receptions. Mrs. Henry Sandham, of Boston, is spend-

ing the month of March in this city. Mrs. Albert D. Robinson, of Albany, is visiting Mrs. S. C. Pomeroy.

The engagement of Mr. Tuckerman and Miss Lowndes is announced. Mrs. S. F. Miller left yesterday for a prolonged visit West.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Anderson celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage at their cozy home, 310 K street, on Monday evening, the 16th instant. The presents were numerous and costly from their hosts of friends. The evening's entertainment con-sisted of vocal and instrumental music. At sisted of vocal and instrumental music. At 11 o'clock the party repaired to the diningroom, where the table was laden with all the good things that Christians like to partake of. Among the many present were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. H. Gould, Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Whitcomb, Mrs. Dimmick, Miss Dimmick, Mr. and Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Upperman, Mrs. and Miss Herron, Mr. and Mrs. Hensey, the Misses Noyes, the Misses Curry, the Misses Vanderhoof, Miss Mathews, Miss Becker, Miss Case, Miss Gould, Miss Baley, May Church, Messrs. Buddeoke, Staley, Harris, LeFevre, Beccher, Sutor, Cameron, Maltby, Wilmarth, Smith, and Waters.

Mrs. Kate Tannatt Woods, of Salem, Mass., read a paper on Friday night before the Wo-man's National Press Association at Willard's

Miss Josephine B. Streeter, of New York City, is visiting Mrs. Col. Gordon A. Stewart, "Thistlecote," Fourth street, Capitol Hill.

Miss Heaven and Miss Adele Heaven have gone to Florida to visit their aunt, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Heaven's sister, who resides at Oakland. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stockton were guests of honor at a reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson on Weddesday evening.

Miss Annie Lee Bolling, of Va., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. H. Galt, No. 1905 G

Miss Frances Aronhinie, of Charlottesville, Va., is visiting Miss Ernie Richold.

FADS OF THE FLORISTS.

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The flower dealers have hit upon a device to popularize many families of flowers, notably chrysanthemums. They discard the Latin nomenclature to a considerable extent, but instead of adopting a name descriptive of some form, color, or quality of the flower, they name it after some well-known society person, man or woman. But let us look at the chrysanthemums. They have been so overchristened, I suppose, because they are in such general use for bouquets, boutonnieres, etc., and a prominent social person liking most this or that kind presently finds his name given to his favorite blossom. I shall take a few out of a list of one hundred or

more. Every one who sees much of Mr. Elliott F. Shepard knows that a "buttonhole" is a strong point with him in personal appearance. His favorite is a Japanese chrysanthemum, and one of those flowers bears his name now all over the United States. It is a very large flower, with broad, ribbon-like petals and a beautiful lemon color. The "Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt" is also a Japanese. The flower is very large and composed of a number of long petals of rose madder. The "Mrs. DeWitt Smith" is an incurved

Japanese, large flowers, "very double," the outer petals a beautiful soft rose, changing to white toward the centre.

The "Clara Riemen" is a rich lavender rose in color, shading the silvery rose, with a white centre. The flower is large, of open surface,

and of very fine texture.

Then comes the "Harry E. Widener"a bright lemon without shadings. The flower is large, on stiff, stout stems, holding the flower erect without support; petals crisp and stiff, but not coarse.

The "Mrs. Winthrop Sargent" is a brilliant straw color, incurved, carrying its flowers on long, stiff stems. It is probably the largest in this line of color, and may be called a grand

Miss Minnie Wanamaker has also a passion for chrysanthemums, and the flower given her name is a fine, creamy white, incurved, forming a perfect ball, and quite distinct from any white chrysanthemum in cultivation.

The "President Harrison" is the most distinet chrysanthemum for its color, which is salmon red outside and deep red inside. The flowers are very double, of immense size, and is a very strong and free flowerer. The President wears it pretty constantly in the lapel of his coat, and as soon as it is generally known the flower can be bought by asking for the "President" there will be a rush

The "Belle Hickey" is a Chinese chrysanthemum; it is large, incurved, and pearly

Hyattsville Happenings.

Some time since a movement looking to the bonding of Hyattsville was inaugurated by some of its energetic citizens, but was defeated. The bonding proposed was for the purpose of raising funds to make general inprovements. It is understood that this scheme will be again brought to the attention of the tax-payers, and it is hoped that a differ-ent result will be reached.

Mr. Thomas Frazier, who has for the past two months been very ill with consumption at the home of his sister, Mrs. George Britt, died at 2 P. M. on Wednesday, the 18th instant. The deceased was about thirty years of age and was a general favorite. His funeral took place on Friday, the remains being interred at Glenwood Cemetery.

Miss Mary Wells is visiting her cousin, Miss Hinda Adminson, of Rockville, Md.

Miss Annie Geib has returned from Baltimore, after a pleasant visit of two weeks with friends at that point.

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